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1. THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT CONCERNING THE MARCH 22 EARTHQUAKE
WHICH OCCURRED ALONG THE PERSIAN GULF COAST SOUTHEAST OF BANDAR
ABBAS, REPORTED BY REFS C AND D.

2. AS IN CASE OF NOVEMBER 7, 1976 EARTHQUAKE REPORTED REF A,
THE MISSION'S DISASTER RELIEF OFFICER (PER REF B, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL OFFICER, CLYDE D TAYLOR) CONTACTED
ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE RED LION AND SUN SOCIETY
(RLSS) COL GILANPOUR, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY, ASCERTAINED FACTS,
AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE. THIS FOLLOWED THE CHARGE'S EXPRESSION
OF CONDOLENCES AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PRIMIN.
AGAIN, AS IN THE CASE OF THE PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE, ASSISTANCE
WAS POLITELY DECLINED BUT THE OFFER APPRECIATED. IN BOTH
CASES GOI CAPABILITIES THROUGH RLSS, MILITARY SERVICES AND
REGIONAL OFFICES OF SUCH MINISTRIES AS HEALTH, ROADS AND
HOUSING WERE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE LEVEL OF DISASTER.

3. COL GILANPOUR REPORTED FINAL FIGURES MARCH 30 TO MDRO AS
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FOLLOWS:
DEATHS: 167
INJURED:
A. CARED FOR LOCALLY 556
B. HOSPITALIZED 56
VILLAGES AFFECTED: 35 WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF 6,904
HOMELESS: ALL 6,904 INHABITANTS - IN TEMPORARY SHELTER.

RELATED DISEASE/EPIDEMICS: NONE

4. EMB HAS CHECKED WITH AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES AND DETERMINED THAT NO DAMAGE OCCURRED TO OCEAN FLOOR AFFECTING SHIPS' PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS OF HORMUZ.

5. A HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED TO ASSESS THE QUAKE'S DAMAGE AND THE PRIMIN ORDERED AN URGENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. A FIELD HOSPITAL IS STILL IN OPERATION; ROADS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED; AND WATER AND IRRIGATION CANAL DAMAGE, ESTIMATED BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AT \$700,000, IS BEING REPAIRED.

6. CLIPPING CONCERNING THIS EARTHQUAKE FROM TEHRAN'S TWO ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS ARE BEING POUCHED TO AID/OFDA.
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